

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 3102 and 3103 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), were omitted from the Code pursuant to section 5316 of this title which terminated the authority to make grants or loans under those sections after Jan. 1, 1975.

The Emergency Community Facilities Act of 1970, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 91-431, Oct. 6, 1970, 84 Stat. 886, which amended sections 3102 and 3108 of this title, and enacted a provision set out as a note under this section. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3101 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1973—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-117, §8(a), provided for neighborhood facility grant authorization of \$40,000,000 for fiscal year commencing July 1, 1973.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-117, §8(b), substituted “July 1, 1974” for “September 30, 1972”.

1972—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 92-335 substituted “September 30, 1972” for “July 1, 1972”.

1970—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-609, §304(a), authorized appropriation of \$50,000,000 for fiscal year commencing July 1, 1971, for grants under section 3103 of this title.

Pub. L. 91-431, §3(a), authorized appropriations for grants under section 3102 of this title of not to exceed \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year commencing July 1, 1970.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-609, §304(b), substituted “July 1, 1972” for “July 1, 1971”.

Pub. L. 91-431, §3(b), substituted “July 1, 1972” for “July 1, 1971”.

1969—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-152, §305(c), authorized appropriations of not more than \$100,000,000 for fiscal year commencing July 1, 1970.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-152, §305(b), substituted “July 1, 1971” for “July 1, 1970”.

1968—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 90-448, §605(b), authorized appropriations of not more than \$350,000,000 for fiscal year commencing July 1, 1968, and not more than \$115,000,000 for fiscal year commencing July 1, 1969.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 90-448, §605(a), substituted “July 1, 1970” for “July 1, 1969”.

CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

Section 2 of Pub. L. 91-431 provided that:

“(a) The Congress finds that a large number of municipalities and other entities of local government throughout the Nation are unable to finance construction of vital and urgently needed public facilities because of the shortage of funds for long-term borrowing.

“(b) The Congress further finds that there is an immediate need for such facilities in order to provide basic safeguards for the health and well-being of the people of the United States, to check widespread pollution of irreplaceable water sources, and to provide an effective and practical method of combating rising unemployment.”

ADMINISTRATIVE PRIORITY FOR APPLICATIONS RELATING TO ACTIVITIES IN AREAS AFFECTED BY BASE CLOSINGS

State or unit of local government or agency thereof affected by reduction in level of expenditure or employment at Department of Defense installation located in or near such State or unit of local government, priority in processing applications for assistance under this section, see section 1453a of this title.

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This chapter is referred to in sections 3123, 5153 of this title; title 15 section 636; title 16 section 3345; title 33 section 2220; title 40 App. sections 225, 302; title 43 section 1601.

§ 3121. Findings and declarations

(a) Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) while the economy of the United States is undergoing a sustained period of economic growth resulting in low unemployment and increasing incomes, there continue to be areas suffering economic distress in the form of high unemployment, low incomes, underemployment, and outmigration as well as areas facing sudden economic dislocations due to industrial restructuring and relocation, defense base closures and procurement cutbacks, certain Federal actions (including environmental requirements that result in the removal of economic activities from a locality), and natural disasters;

(2) as the economy of the United States continues to grow, those distressed areas contain significant human and infrastructure resources that are underused;

(3) expanding international trade and the increasing pace of technological innovation offer both a challenge and an opportunity to the distressed communities of the United States;

(4) while economic development is an inherently local process, the Federal Government should work in partnership with public and private local, regional, and State organizations to ensure that existing resources are not wasted and all Americans have an opportunity to participate in the economic growth of the United States;

(5) in order to avoid wasteful duplication of effort and to limit the burden on distressed communities, Federal, State, and local economic development activities should be better planned and coordinated and Federal program requirements should be simplified and made more consistent;

(6) the goal of Federal economic development activities should be to work in partnership with local, regional, and State public and private organizations to support the development of private sector businesses and jobs in distressed communities;

(7) Federal economic development efforts will be more effective if they are coordinated with, and build upon, the trade and technology programs of the United States; and

(8) under this chapter, new employment opportunities should be created by developing and expanding new and existing public works and other facilities and resources rather than by merely transferring jobs from one area of the United States to another.